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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on May 24, 2004. In light of the remarks below, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. In addition, entry of the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments.